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Bob Manning was debriefed in Mr. Brubeck's office at 11:20 a.m. First McCone presented and summarized four papers:

Paper 1 - Soviet/Warsaw Pact forces have resumed routine activity. Ten missile ships have reached Soviet ports. Enough ships are in Cuba to remove the IL-28s.

Paper 2 -

Paper 3 - An analysis.

Paper 4 - This dealt with Soviet intentions, and was not discussed.

The main concern of the meeting was a paper on information policy, discussion of which seems to begin at this point.

The President showed great concern over refugee reports and the CBS report of 88 missiles. There is also a Mirror story which gives details and a map of remaining missiles, based on refugee stories.

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The Secretary indicated that the press could not be controlled, and that the policy should be to follow up quickly and stamp out such stories. It might be possible to have an understanding with the press to check such stories in advance.

The agreement was that Helms would work out some scheme with Manning and Salinger.

On the political issues, it was agreed that talks with Mikoyan should hammer at Cuba and Laos, and avoid Berlin. The President approved the general line that the Cuba problem went back far beyond this Fall and would remain so long as the Soviet Union attempted to use the island for a foothold in the Hemisphere.

There was discussion of Soviet personnel, whether they would stay in Cuba, and why. The conclusion was unclear. It was not thought they would stay as assurance. The concluding thought seems to have been Bundy's, that the personnel were planted as a presence.

There was discussion of our attitude on verification -

There are five kinds of missiles around in Cuba: sidewinders, coast defense, patrol craft, "frogs; the briefing did not identify the fifth. The last two might well be stored in caves, or at least they seemed to be stored out of sight at the present time.